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Office Action Summary

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SHOSHI, SATORU

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Daniel Zirker

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/19/05.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: ____.

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1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as based on a disclosure which is not enabling. More particularly, applicant's specification appears to teach (note, e.g. the Abstract, closing paragraph, pages 23-24) that using the claimed pressure sensitive adhesive sheet gives a resulting improvement in such properties as scratch, water and chemical resistance, to the surface of image papers as well as improved definition of an image paper, and also reduction in the thickness of the psa layer, all of which properties are believed to be critical or essential elements in the practice of the invention, but not included in the claim(s) is not enabled by the disclosure. See *In re Mayhew*, 527 F.2d 1229, 188 USPQ 356 (CCPA 1976). Accordingly, it is suggested that such apparently nonobvious properties be put into applicant's independent claim preambles.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Tsuchiya et al '041 (Tsuchiya '440 is cumulative). The reference discloses, in certain embodiments (note particularly Figure 1, Col 1, lines 4-22, lines 58-67, Col 2, line 66-Col 3, line 4, lines 32-38, Col 4, line 44-Col 5, line 3, lines 51-60, Col 6, lines 8-13, Example 1) a hard coat film which can comprise, in order, hard coat layer 3, buffer layer 2 which can be an ionizing radiation curing resin which is most preferably a urethane acrylate resin (Col 4, lines 62-63; Example 1), and an adjacent plastic film 1 which can be cured and may be coated on its opposite side with adhesive layer 4 which is (Col 3, lines 33-35) suitable for attachment to a desired object(s). Although the adhesive layer is not specifically taught as being pressure sensitive in nature in view of such teaching as set forth above this property is believed to be either inherent, or at most an obvious modification to one of ordinary skill, as is the weight average MW range of the difunctional urethane (meth)acrylate found in applicant's claim 2.

6. Claims 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsuchiya et al '440. The reference is again relied upon substantially as set forth, above, with such additional article claim elements as layer thickness (claim 3) and presence of a filler (claim 4) believed to be, if not expressly disclosed, obvious modifications to one of ordinary skill, in the absence of unexpected results. As to method of making claim 5, note the disclosure at Col 6, lines 8-13 as well as in the Examples, which the Examiner believes teaches that almost any conventional laminating and related method are suitable for forming the claimed genus of articles.

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7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The Examiner includes machine translations of the Claims and Detailed Descriptions of the three cited references in the International Search Report, together with the reference cited on page 2 of the specification.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel Zirker whose telephone number is 571-272-1486. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday from 8:30 to 6:00. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris, can be reached on 571 c- 272 - 1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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